

Objective Yield Data Soybeans

The National Agricultural Statistics Service conducts objective yield surveys in randomly selected plots in soybean fields. These fields are visited monthly from August through harvest to obtain specific counts and measurements. Data in these tables are rounded actual field counts from this survey.

Soybeans: Pods with Beans per 18 Square Feet, Iowa									
Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
September	1,830	1,809	1,988	1,749	1,772	1,969	1,846	1,787	1,758
October	1,674	1,778	1,828	1,629	1,731	1,935	1,758	1,917	1,732
November	1,660	1,787	1,867	1,647	1,737	1,968	1,760	1,933	1,770
Final	1,660	1,796	1,867	1,647	1,741	1,970	1,760	1,932	1,775

Soybeans: Frequency of Farmer Reported Row Widths, Iowa					
Year	Less than 7.5 inches ¹	7.5 inches	15 inches	30 inches	More than 30 inches
2003	8	26	66	92	11
2004	13	29	72	83	7
2005	5	26	76	99	10
2006	7	25	68	95	12
2007	5	18	89	92	4
2008	7	21	102	138	4

¹ Includes broadcast soybeans.

Soybeans: Percentage Distribution by Measured Row Width and Average Row Width, Iowa							
Year	Number of Samples	Row Width (inches)					Average Row Width ¹
		10.0 or Less ¹	10.1-18.5	18.6-28.5	28.6-34.5	34.6 & Greater	
1999	224	18.4	25.7	7.4	41.8	6.7	22.6
2000	205	19.6	25.2	7.8	43.5	3.9	21.9
2001	207	16.7	27.0	9.8	39.4	7.1	22.5
2002	204	14.5	26.3	7.9	45.9	5.4	23.0
2003	203	13.1	32.3	6.2	43.0	5.4	22.3
2004	207	15.0	35.3	8.0	37.9	3.8	21.3
2005	217	10.1	33.0	7.6	46.1	3.2	22.6
2006	208	10.3	36.3	5.3	42.8	5.3	22.4
2007	210	8.6	40.6	7.6	40.3	2.9	21.8
2008	276	6.9	37.3	6.7	47.6	1.5	22.6

¹ Broadcast soybeans included as "10.0 inches and less" but excluded in computation of average width.

